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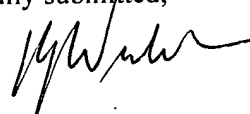
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**STATUS INQUIRY**

Applicants ask to be informed of the status of the above-referenced patent application. Applicants are unaware of any action in this case since the date of mailing of the application by the Applicants. Applicants have not received their return receipt postcard, informally notifying the Applicants of the application serial number and filing date, nor have the Applicants received an Official Filing Receipt from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicants submit herewith a true and accurate copy of the Transmittal Letter to the U.S. Designated/Elected Office Concerning a Submission Under 35 U.S.C. 371, the Preliminary Amendment, Information Disclosure Statement, the Specification, Claims, Abstract, drawings, and the return receipt postcard, as submitted for filing to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 2, 2006. Applicants also submit a copy of Express Mail label EV462308472US, bearing the date-stamp of the U.S. Postal Service.

Respectfully submitted,



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